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Attorney Docket No.: 678-728 (P9744)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANTS:** SIN, Dong-Jun                      **GROUP ART UNIT:** 2617  
**SERIAL NO.:** 10/024,922                      **EXAMINER:** SMITH, Sheila B.  
**FILED:** December 19, 2001                      **DATED:** October 25, 2006  
**FOR:** **METHOD OF FORWARDING AN SMS MESSAGE  
IN A MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

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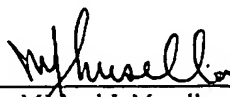
This is a request for a refund with respect to a payment for second and third months extension of time incurred because of a delay that is believe to have been caused by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with respect to the above-identified application.

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**AMOUNT OF REFUND REQUESTED**

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	<b>TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED</b>	<b><u>\$ 900.00</u></b>

### **III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR**

An Office Action marked "Final" by the Examiner was mailed on April 7, 2006. On July 7, 2006 a Response to the Office Action was filed, and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (the Office) on July 10, 2006 as evidenced by the return postcard attached hereto.

Between September 6, 2006 and October 2, 2006 several telephonic conferences were conducted with the Examiner and SPE Joseph Field regarding the status of the application. It was determined that the delay was the direct result of a workload backup at the Office. An Advisory Action finally issued on October 3, 2006. A period of almost three months elapsed between the filing of the July 2006 Response and the issuance of the October 2006 Advisory Action.

The Advisory Action was responded to by filing a Request for Continued Examination on October 10, 2006 along with a three month Extension of Time, and the filing fees required therefor.

It is respectfully submitted that if not for the delay of the Patent Office, the fees associated with the second and third months Extension of Time of \$900.00 would not have been incurred by the applicant.

The three month delay was directly caused by the Office, and in turn caused the Applicant to incur the costs associated with the second and third month extension of time, namely \$900.00.

Due to the delay of the issuance of the Advisory Action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a payment of the second and third month extension of time for a total of \$900.00 was required.

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1. Amendment Transmittal (in duplicate)
2. Response
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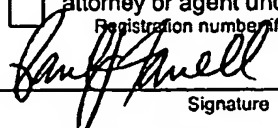


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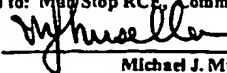
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<b>APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>FY 2005</b> (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number (Optional) <b>678-728 (P9744)</b>	
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Art Unit <b>2617</b>		Examiner <b>SMITH, Sheila B.</b>	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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 Signature <b>Paul J. Farrell</b> Typed or printed name		<u>October 10, 2006</u> Date <b>(516) 228-8484</b> Telephone Number	
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